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(54) **LACE SYSTEM FOR FOOTWEAR**

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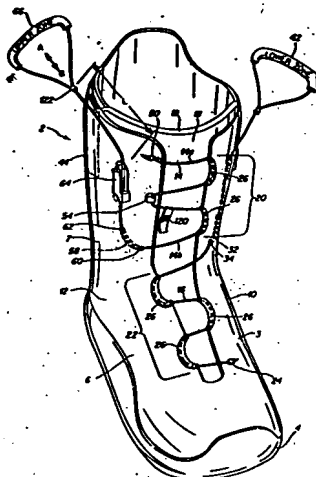
A boot incorporating techniques for making the process of  
tightening and loosening the laces of a boot more convenient  
for the wearer is disclosed. The boot may be provided with  
at least two independent lacing zones, the tensions of which  
are separately adjustable by the wearer. The zones may be  
secured by pulling on two laces, each of which tightens one  
of the two independent lacing zones. This arrangement  
allows the wearer to simultaneously tighten each zone,  
providing the wearer with the "feel" as though he or she is  
tightening a conventional single lacing zone boot. The laces  
may be simultaneously, yet independently secured by a lace  
lock at the upper and/or forward region of the boot. Slack  
may be created to facilitate loosening of the boot and easy  
removal of a foot from the boot by unhooking the lace from  
the lace guide without a corresponding distance of lace  
traveling through the lace lock. A release strap, graspable by  
the wearer, facilitates unhooking the lace.

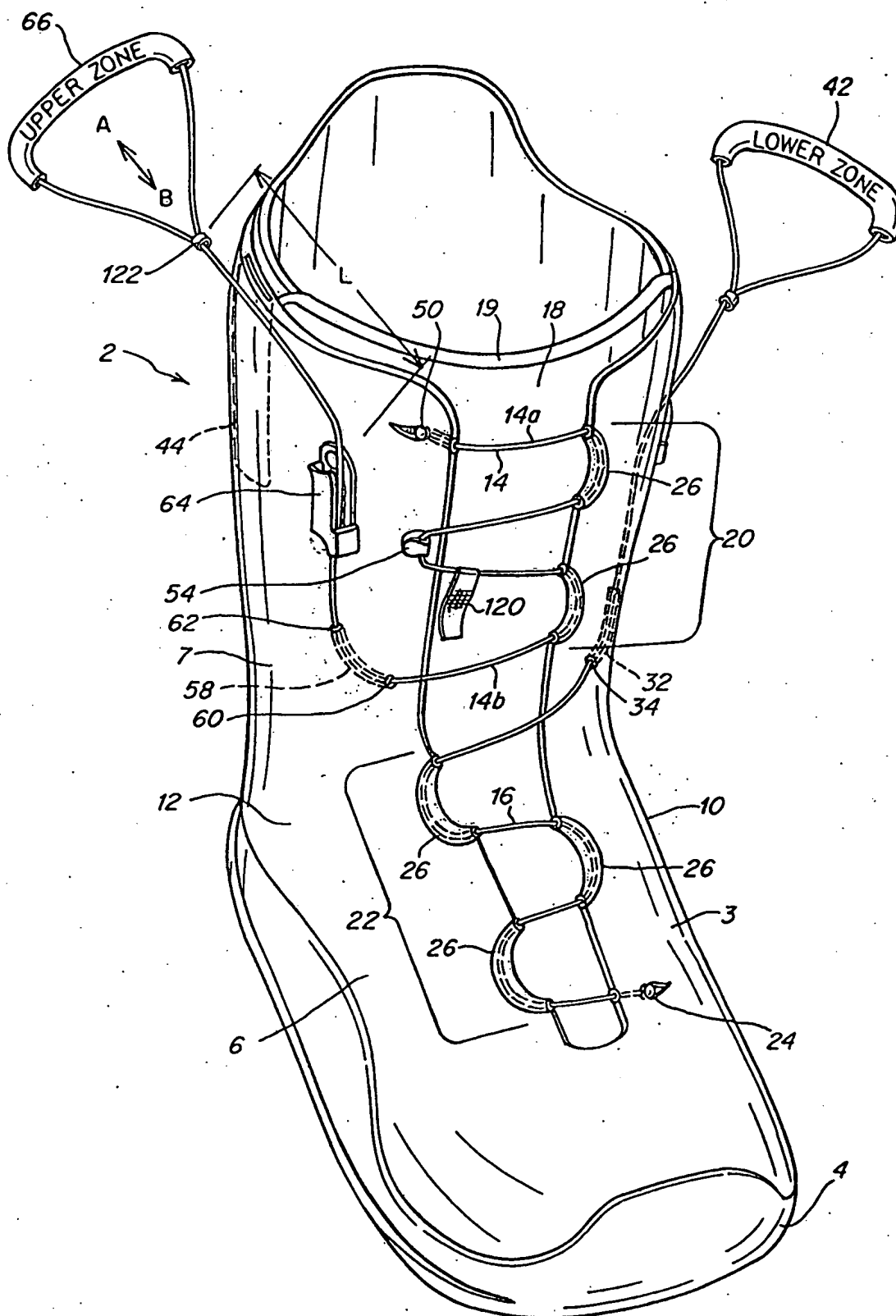
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*Fig. 1*

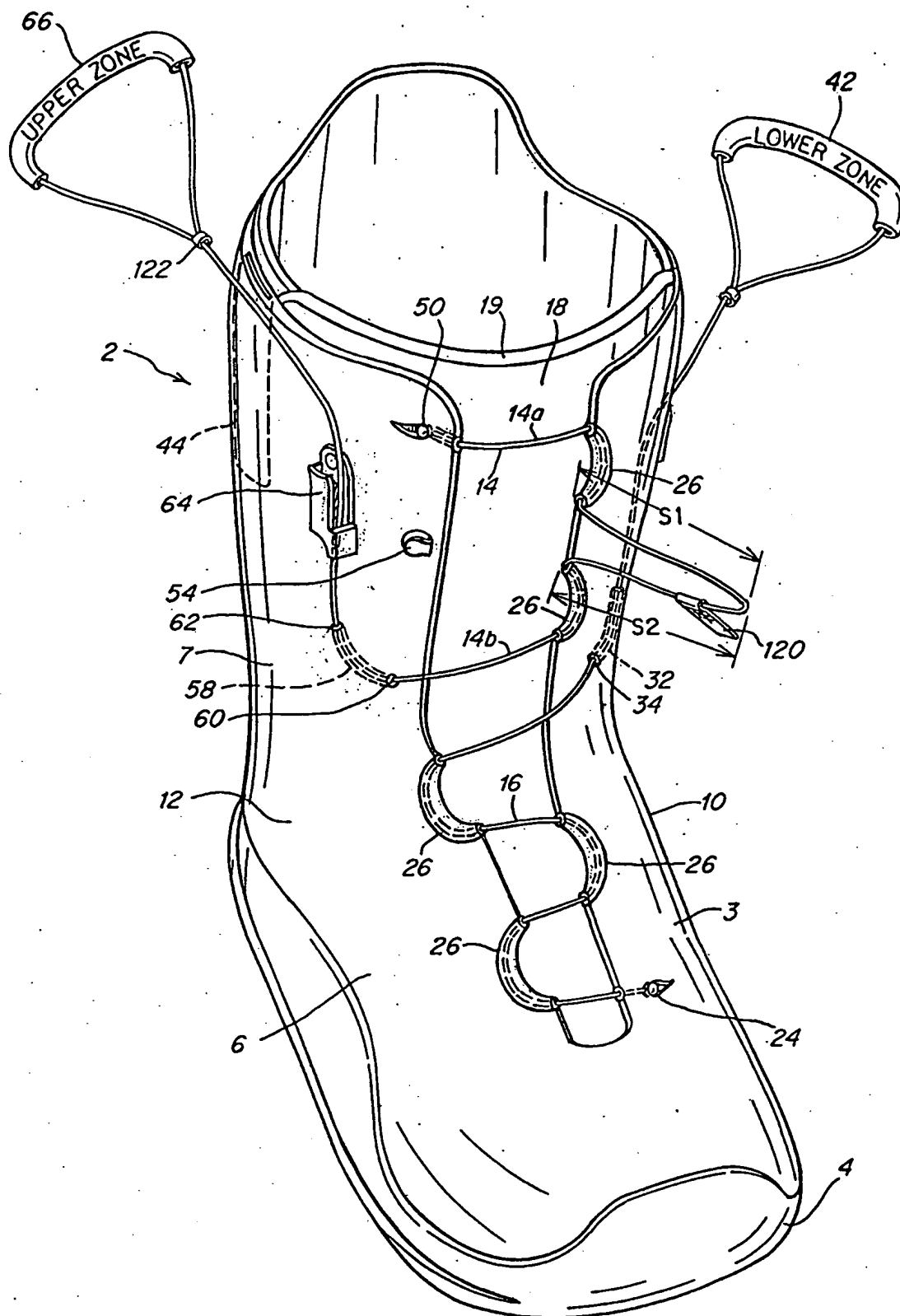


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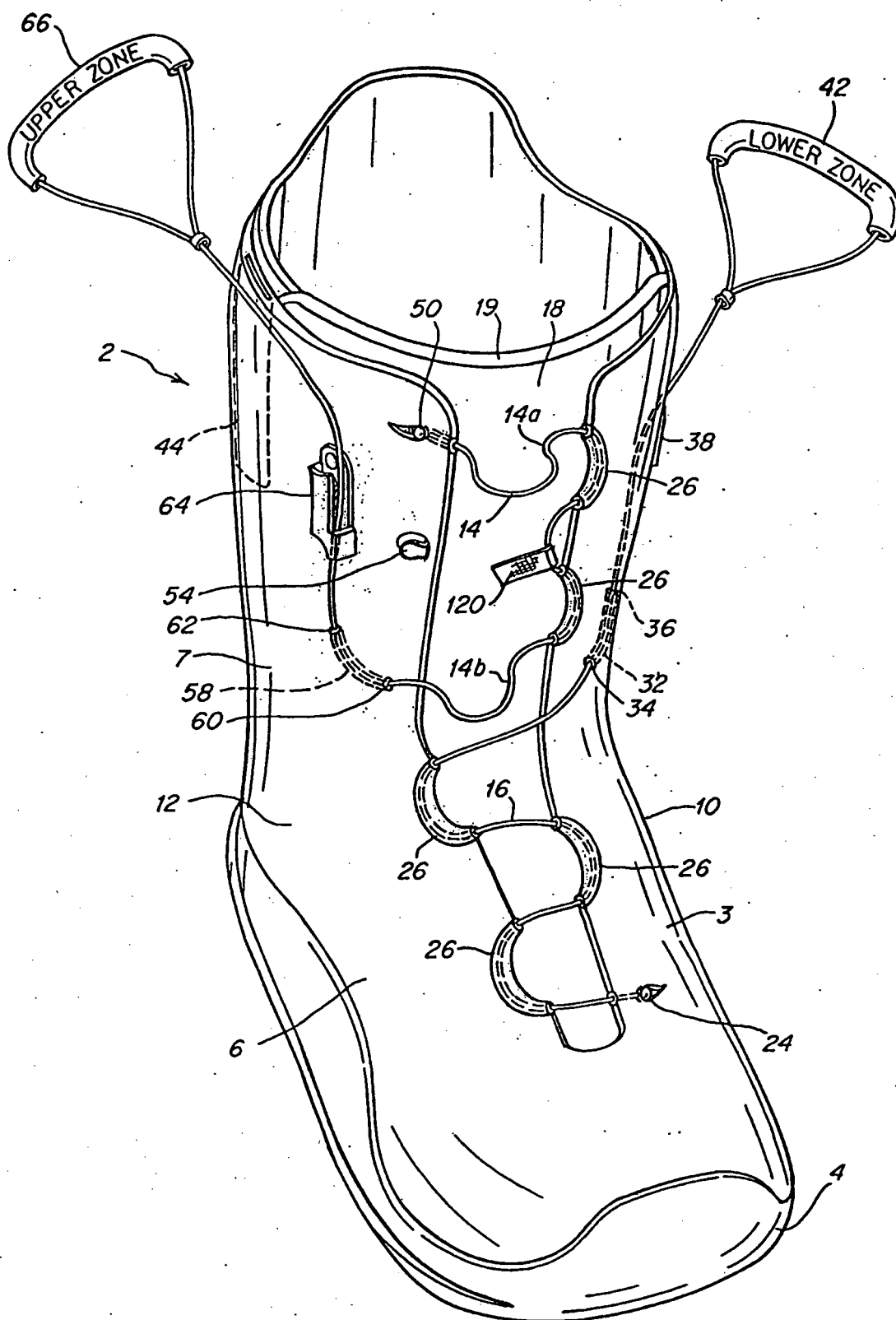
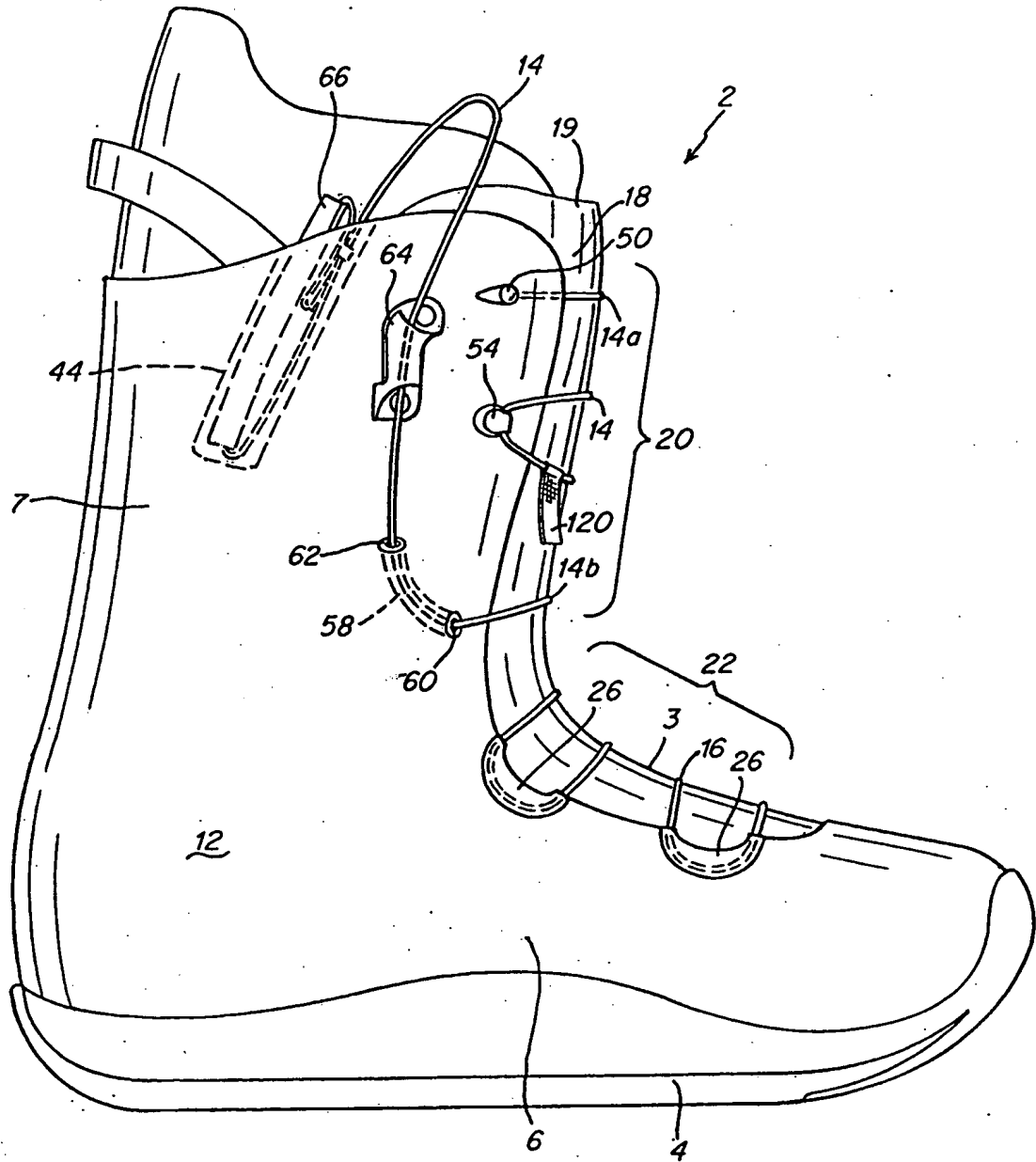


Fig. 3



*Fig. 4.*



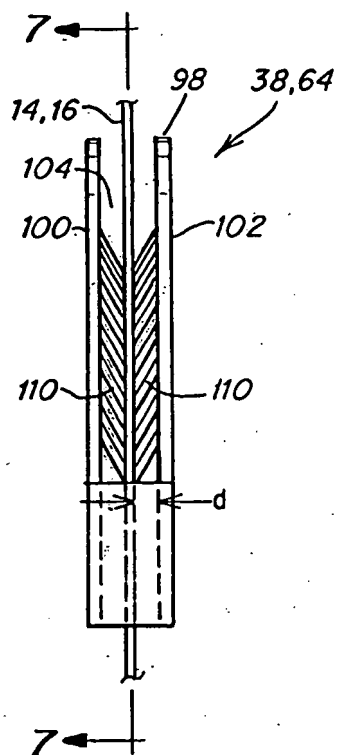


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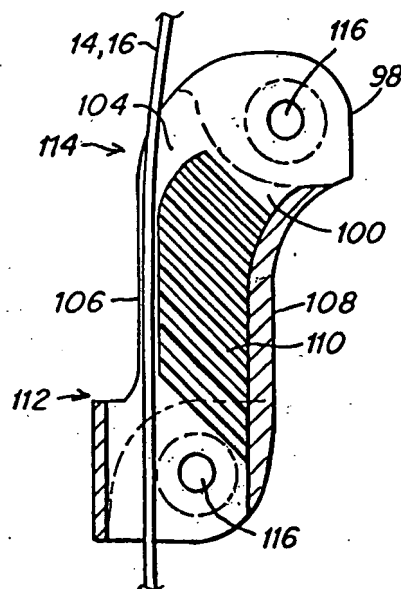


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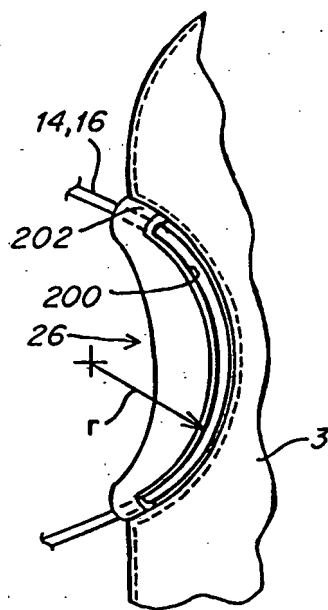


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